DHCP and Router Advertisement Options for Encrypted DNS Discovery

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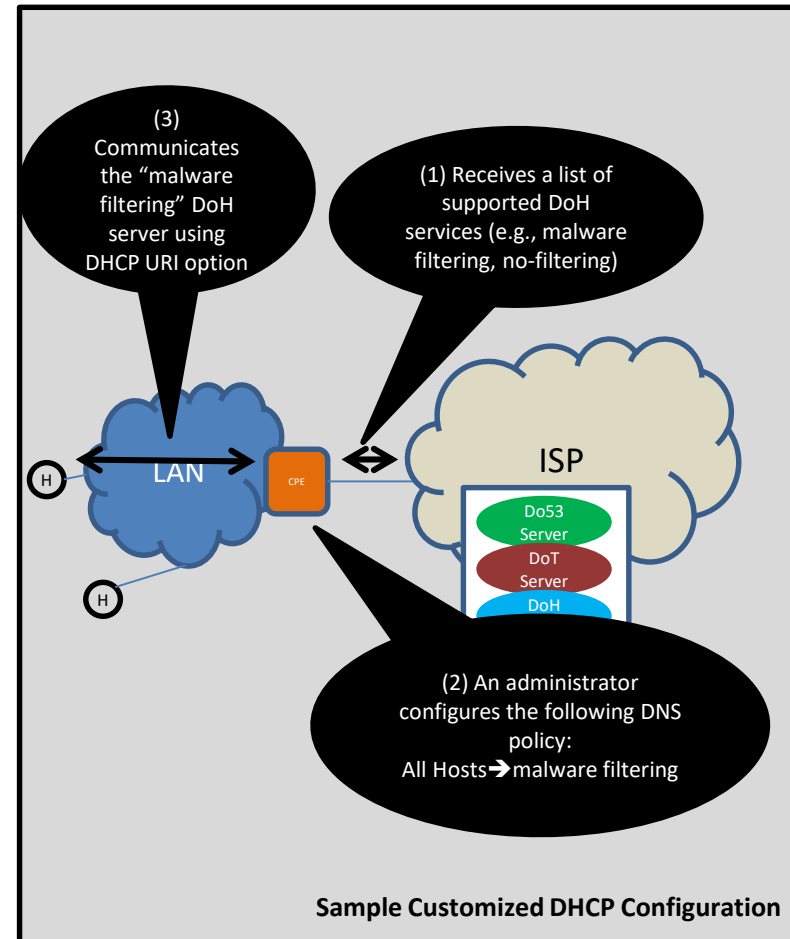Tommy Jensen (Microsoft)

Overall Approach

- Rely upon existing mechanisms to distribute DNS server information: DHCP, DHCPv6, and RA

- Typical communication flow
  - Clients ask for one or more encrypted DNS (e.g., DoT, DoH) by *setting dedicated flags* in the options
  - Servers reply with ADN(s), a list of IP addresses, and a port number, if the requested encrypted DNS is supported
    - It is *RECOMMENDED to return both an ADN + a list of IP addresses*
    - *One or more* encrypted DNS types may be returned
    - These services may listen on the *same or distinct IP addresses*
    - *Alternate port numbers* can be returned when default port number are not in use
    - If a list of IP addresses is returned, that list is *ordered*
    - Some recommendations to *optimize* the message size are included

Main Changes Since IETF#108

- Return a list of IP addresses instead of relying upon legacy DNS options
  - This is to *avoid probing*
  - Useful if available encrypted DNS services are not available on the same IP address(es)

- *Generalize* the specification so that the options are not tied with a particular deployment

- *Clarify* the relationship with DEER

Question #1: URI Templates in RA/DHCP?

- Why?
  - Provide a customized DNS configuration within a local network

- There are trade-offs
  - Some issues
    - Create a *dependency* between DHCP servers (access routers) and DoH resolvers
    - May *increase the size* of RA/DHCP messages
  - Some advantages
    - Fills a void as there is *no standard* means to retrieve the URI information from the DoH server
    - Clients can *immediately use* the service(s); no need for extra queries to retrieve the URIs
    - Does *not interfere* with DNS exchanges to "customize" the available services
    - It is not susceptible to *external attack*

(3) Communicates the "malware filtering" DoH server using DHCP URI option

(1) Receives a list of supported DoH services (e.g., malware filtering, no-filtering)

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Do53 Server

DoT Server

DoH

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(2) An administrator configures the following DNS policy:
All Hosts→malware filtering

Sample Customized DHCP Configuration

Suggestions:
- Define RA/DHCP options to convey URI Templates
- These options, when available, take precedence over DEER

Question #2: No @List is Returned

- If the client receives a Do53 @List and an ADN, should the client use that list to resolve the ADN or should that list be assumed as locators of the encrypted DNS?

Suggestion:
- Recommend to always return a list of @es, unless Do53 and encrypted DNS terminate on the same @es

Motivation:
- Optimize the message size

Next Steps

- Consider adopting this document as a WG item

- Questions?